(b) out of these how many have crossed the original time schedule;

(c) the reasons for such delays and estimated escalation in the cost of projects; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed alongwith the revised date of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The funds for the Yojana could not be tied up and hence no project has been undertaken under this Yojana.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Revenue from Dumdum to Kolkata circular railway

1473. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1292 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2006 and state:

(a) the number of passengers travelled by circular railway by the route Dumdum to Kolkata airport during last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the revenue earned during the above period for such use, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The Section from Dum Dum to Kolkata Airport has been opened for passenger service with effect from 30.07.2006. Total 12,375 nos. passengers travelled during the period from 30.07.06 to 31.07.07 with an earning of Rs.46,380/-(Rupees Forty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty only).

New rail lines in Uttarakhand

† 1474. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length in kilometres of new rail lines laid by Indian Railways in hilly areas of the country since Independence, till date and the total length of new rail line laid in hilly areas of Uttarakhand;

(b) whether his Ministry is going to lay down few new rail lines in hilly areas of Uttarakhand in Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Hilly/non hilly areas are not defined and details of railway lines is not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

maintained in this regard. However, out of 284 kms railway line existing in Uttarakhand, 36 kms of railway line have been added since Independence.

(b) and (c) The following new lines/projects falling fully/partly in Uttarakhand have been taken up:-

Projects	Kms	Cost (Rs. in crore)
Kitcha-Khatima Deoband-	51.5 27.45	165.67
Muzaffarnagar		105.52

The projects would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Upgradation of security system on ECoR

1475. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is bringing in a slew of measures to strengthen security at railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of railway stations falling on the ECoR which would be covered under the upgradation of security system to control any kind of untoward incident on this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following preventive measures are being taken to strengthen security at railway stations:-

> Sniffer dogs are being utilized to check explosive material in trains/ railway stations/railway premises.

> X-ray machines are proposed to be installed at very important railway stations.

> Bomb Detection and Disposal equipments, Close Circuit Televisions, Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors are being provided at sensitive railway stations for anti-sabotage checks.

> Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police staff are being deployed for escorting of Mail/Express/Shatabdi/Rajdhani Express trains.

> Luggage/baggage checking of passengers at entry gate, is being done by Government Railway Police/Railway Protection Force/Commercial staff at railway stations.